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SUBJECT: US-ICELAND BASE NEGOTIATIONS - PERSONNEL REDUCTION
OPTIONS

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND, FOLLOWING IS TEXT
OF DOD PAPER ENTITLED "PERSONNEL REDUCTION OPTIONS."
NUMBERS USED IN DRAFT SCENARIO ARE DERIVED FROM THIS PAPER.
OPTIONS ARE GIVEN IN ORDER OF DOD'S PREFERRED PRIORITT.

2. BEGIN TEXT. OPTION 1

A. WITHDRAW HC-130 LONG-RANGE SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)
AIRCRAFT. THIS ACTION WOULD CONSOLIDATE ALL EUROPE-
BASED LONG-RANGE SAR AIRCRAFT AT RAF WOODBRIDGE.
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MILITARY PERSONNEL REDUCED - 20.

B. USE OF ICELANDERS IN US FACILITIES. THE FOLLOWING
CHANGES COULD BE MADE WITHOUT SECURITY SCREENING. RADAR

SITES H-1 AND H-3: US MILITARY -REDUCED -59 ICELANDERS
HIRED - 48; GRINDAVIKTRANSMITTER SITE: US MILITARY
REDUCED - 56, ICELANDERS HIRED - 45; COAST GUARD LORAN-C
MONITOR STATION: US MILITARY REDUCED - 11, ICELANDERS
HIRED - 11. TOTAL US MILITARY REDUCED - 126; ICELANDERS
HIRED - 104. ESTIMATED TRAINING TIME: 6 MONTHS TO
THREE YEARS.

C. CONTRACT SUPPORT FUNCTIONS. CERTAIN UNCLASSIFIED
NAVAL STATION SUPPORT FUNCTIONS COULD BE PERFORMED BY
ICELAND CONTRACTORS. US MILITARY REDUCED - 383,
ICELANDERS HIRED - 447. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING WOULD BE
REQUIRED, BUT NO FORMAL SCHOOLING.

D. SUMMARY. WITH ICELANDIC HIRE: US MILITARY REDUCED
- 529, ICELANDERS HIRED - 551 (NO SECURITY SCREENING).
WITHOUT ICELANDIC HIRE: US MILITARY REDUCED - 20.

3. OPTION 2. OPTION 1 PLUS: GAIN GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND
ACCEPTANCE THAT PERSONNEL IN ROTATIONAL UNITS DO NOT COUNT
DESPITE THE FACT THEY ARE IN ICELAND.

A. ASW PATROL SQUADRON - 345

B. 552D AEW DETACHMENT - 80

C. TOTAL - 425

D. SUMMARY (OPTIONS 1 AND 2). WITH ICELANDIC HIRE:

US MILITARY REDUCED - 529 (EXCLUDING 425 ROTATIONAL)
ICELANDERS HIRED - 551 (NO SECURITY SCREENING)

WITHOUT ICELANDIC HIRE:

US MILITARY REDUCED - 20 (EXCLUDING 425 ROTATIONAL)

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4. OPTION 3. OPTION 1 PLUS: ADDITIONAL "ICELANDIZATION."
SUBJECT TO ICELANDIC AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A PERSONNEL
SECURITY SCREENING SYSTEM, ADDITIONAL MILITARY BILLETS
COULD BE CONVERTED TO ICELAND CIVILIAN BILLETS. ESTIMATED
MILITARY REDUCTION - 150 - 300. ICELANDERS HIRED - 150 -
300. (SPECIFIC NUMBERS AND TRAINING TIME BEING OBTAINED
FROM COMICEDEFOR.)

SUMMARY (OPTIONS 1, 2 AND 3). WITH ICELANDIC HIRE (NO
SECURITY SCREENING):

US MILITARY REDUCED - 529 (EXCLUDING 425 ROTATIONAL)
ICELANDERS HIRED - 551

WITH ICELANDIC HIRE (WITH SECURITY SCREENING):

US MILITARY REDUCED - 680 - 830 (EXCLUDING 425 ROTATION-
AL
ICELANDERS HIRED - 700-850

WITHOUT ICELANDIC HIRE:

US MILITARY REDUCED - 20 (EXCLUDING 425 ROTATIONAL)

5. OPTION 4.

A. REDUCE 57TH FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON ICELAND-
BASED MANPOWER ASSET . MAINTAIN ALERT COMMITMENT WITH
SQUADRON AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED. US MILITARY MAN-
POWER REDUCED - 80 TO 130 (APPROXIMATELY).

THIS WOULD REDUCE US PERSONNEL IN ICELAND WHILE RETAIN-
ING A VISIBLE AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY. IF SUCH A REDUC-
TION WERE MADE, THE US WOULD NEED TO BE ABLE TO AUGMENT
THE REMAINING PERSONNEL DURING PEAK PERIODS OF SURVEIL-
LANCE ACTIVITY, WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION, IN ORDER TO
MAKE THIS CAPABILITY EFFECTIVE.

B. CONVERT RADAR SITES TO US CONTRACTOR OPERATION,
EXCEPT COMMAND AND CONTROL. MAINTAIN AIRCRAFT ALERT
DETACHMENT; REDUCE US MILITARY BY APPROXIMATELY 100,
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AND HIRE APPROXIMATELY 100 US CIVILIANS. AS ICELANDERS
ARE TRAINED AND BECOME TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED, AND SEC-
URITY SCREENED, THEY COULD REPLACE US CONTRACT
CIVILIANS. ESTIMATED TRAINING TIME - 15 MONTHS TO FOUR
YEARS. NOTE: IF CONSIDERED DESIRABLE FOR NEGOTIATING
PURPOSES, THIS CONVERSION COULD BE OFFERED IN CONNEC-
TION WITH EARLIER OPTIONS.

C. SUMMARY (OPTIONS 1 THROUGH 4) WITH ICELANDIC HIRE:
(NO SECURITY SCREENING)
US MILITARY REDUCED - 710 - 760 (EXCLUDING 425 ROTATION-
AL)
ICELANDERS HIRED - 551
US CIVILIANS HIRED - 100

WITH ICELANDIC HIRE (WITH SECURITY SCREENING):

US MILITARY REDUCED - 860 - 1060 (EXCLUDING 425
ROTATIONAL)
ICELANDERS HIRED - 700-850
US CIVILIANS HIRED - 100

WITHOUT ICELANDIC HIRE

US MILITARY REDUCED - 200-250 (EXCLUDING 425 ROTATIONAL)
US CIVILIANS HIRED - 100

6. OPTION 5. REDUCE SIZE OF ASW PATROL SQUADRON. IF REQUIRED, AN ACCEPTABLE BUT UNDESIRABLE LEVEL OF MARITIME PATROL OPERATIONS UNDER ROUTINE CONDITIONS CAN BE SUSTAINED WITH DECREASED EFFECTIVENESS, USING THE SIX P-3 AIRCRAFT NOW IN ICELAND RATHER THAN THE NINE PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED. IF SUCH A REDUCTION WERE MADE, THE UNITED STATES WOULD NEED TO BE ABLE TO AUGMENT THE MARITIME PATROL FORCE DURING PEAK PERIODS OF SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY, WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION, IN ORDER TO INSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF AN EFFECTIVE CAPABILITY. US MILITARY REDUCED - 63. NOTE: THIS OPTION WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE IF OPTION 2 IS EXERCISED.

SUMMARY (OPTIONS 1 THROUGH 5. WITH ICELANDIC HIRE (NO SECURITY SCREENING)

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US MILITARY REDUCED - 770 - 820 (EXCLUDING 425 ROTATIONAL)
ICELANDERS HIRED - 551
US CIVILIANS HIRED - 100

WITH ICELANDIC HIRE (WITH SECURITY SCREENING):

US MILITARY REDUCED - 925-1125 (EXCLUDING 425 ROTATIONAL)
ICELANDERS HIRED - 701 - 851
US CIVILIANS HIRED - 100

WITHOUT ICELANDIC HIRE

US MILITARY REDUCED - 265 - 315 (EXCLUDING 425 ROTATIONAL)
US CIVILIANS HIRED - 100

7. OPTION 6.

A. WITHDRAW 57TH FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON. USAF AIRCRAFT WOULD BE DESIGNATED AS DUAL-BASED FOR ICELAND CONTINGENCIES (THE COMMITMENT OF THIS SQUADRON TO SAC-LANT IS CONTINGENT UPON RETENTION OF BASING RIGHTS AT KEFLAVIK). US MILITARY REDUCED - 480. SQUADRON FACILITIES TO BE MAINTAINED IN CARETAKER STATUS BY COMMANDER, NAVAL STATION, KEFLAVIK.

B. CONVERT RADAR SITES TO US CONTRACTOR OPERATION, EXCEPT COMMAND AND CONTROL. US MILITARY REDUCED - 175 (APPROXIMATELY). US CIVILIANS HIRED - 175. IF THE FIGHTER SQUADRON IS WITHDRAWN, THE SITES WOULD BE

LIMITED TO A SURVEILLANCE/EARLY WARNING CAPABILITY, AND
COULD BE CONVERTED TO CIVILIAN CONTRACT OPERATION, MUCH
THE SAME AS THE DISTANT EARLY WARNING (DEW) LINE SITES.
ESTIMATED TRAINING TIME: 15 MONTHS TO FOUR YEARS.

C. WITHDRAW SEARCH AND RESCUE HELICOPTERS. TO BE WITH-
DRAWN CONCURRENTLY WITH DEPARTURE OF THE FIGHTER
SQUADRON. US MILITARY REDUCED - 42.

D. WITHDRAW AND DUAL-BASE AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING
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(EC-121) AIRCRAFT. US MILITARY REDUCED - 80. THIS
WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT TO PERMIT
REDEPLOYMENT AS NECESSARY DURING PERIODS OF PEAK
SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY, WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION.

E. REDUCE HQ, AIR FORCE ICELAND (AFICE) AND/OR COMBINE
WITH HQ, ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE (ICEDEFOR). WITH THE
MAJORITY OF AIR FORCE ACTIVITIES REMOVED FROM ICELAND,
HQ, AFICE, COULD BE REDUCED OR COMBINED WITH HQ,
ICEDEFOR. US MILITARY REDUCED - 140 (APPROXIMATELY).

F. REDUCED SUPPORT ACTIVITIES. US MILITARY REDUCED -
100.

G. SUMMARY (OPTIONS 1 AND 6). THIS OPTION ASSUMES NO
ICELANDIC PARTICIPATION IN SUBPARA (B) AND (C) OF
OPTION 1, AND ALSO OBTAINES OPTIONS 2 THROUGH 5 DUE TO
ITS NEARLY COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF AIR DEFENSE CAPABIL-
ITY AND RETENTION OF FULL ASW CAPABILITY. THIS IS THE
MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE UNILATERAL US REDUCTION.

US MILITARY REDUCED - 1037

US CIVILIANS HIRED - 175. END TEXT.

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